

- o Impacts to local traffic at grade crossings
- o Impacts to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (rail trail)
- o Right of way preservation

Additional revisions were made to the Scope of Work as shown in ~~underline and strikeout~~ (Attachment 1) based on other comments from the commissioners, members of the public, and the METRO Board.

RTC staff recommend that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission review and provide input on the draft scope of work for the Alternatives Analysis (Attachment 1) to be released in the request for proposals for consultant services.

SCHEDULE

The proposed timeline for the Alternatives Analysis is summarized below.

August 5, 2019	Release the Request for Proposals for Alternatives Analysis
September 2, 2019	Proposal Deadline
September 16, 2019	Consultant Interviews
October 3, 2019	Provide Recommendation to Commission on a Consultant Contract
January 2021	Final Alternatives Analysis Report

FISCAL IMPACT

In March 2019, RTC received a \$100,000 state grant from Caltrans for developing a Rail Integration Network Study which is a component of the Alternatives Analysis. The Rail Network Integration Study component of the Alternatives Analysis is required to be completed by February 2021. Failure to meet this deadline could mean a loss of these funds. RTC has also programmed \$550,000 in Measure D-Rail Corridor funds for this work as part of the 5-year plan, approved on June 6, 2019. RTC staff is scheduled to provide a recommendation on a contract to perform this work at the October 3rd 2019 board meeting.

SUMMARY

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) intends to engage the services of a consultant to produce an Alternatives Analysis and Business Plan for High Capacity Public Transit on the Rail Right-of-Way. RTC and METRO staff have been working together on the scope of work to be released in the request for proposals. **RTC staff recommend that the RTC review and provide input on the scope of work (Attachment 1) to be released for the Alternatives Analysis.**

Attachments:

1. Scope of Work for Alternatives Analysis Request for Proposals
2. Comments from the public

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